

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Montulli (U.S. Patent 5,774,670). Claims 3-6, 10, 15-18, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Montulli. Claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 19, 20, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Montulli (U.S. Patent 5,774,670) in view of Official Notice. Claims 2-12 and 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an in-person interview on May 25th, 2006 with the Undersigned and Ralph Wesinger. Several issues were discussed.

First, to resolve the priority issue, it was agreed to remove the word “item” from the claims. Also, it was agreed that the word “service” would be replaced with “process” to more particularly point out that web server software performs the process of the present invention as presently claimed.

Regarding the Montulli reference, it was agreed to include a limitation of a database that is associated with the web server of the pending claims, and that the Transaction ID is stored in the database along with the information associated with the user and Transaction ID. It was agreed that such an amendment would distinguish the Montulli reference.

Regarding the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph issue, the term “mini-homepage” was discussed, and it was pointed out that a mini-homepage is a page that is presented through an HTML front-end interface that interacts with a database.

Finally, to move the case to allowance, Applicants have agreed to remove dependent claims 6, 11, 12, 18, 23, and 24 from the case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in continuing applications.

By way of this amendment, the proposed amendments discussed during the interview have been entered in this case. It is respectfully believed that the present case is now in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the Undersigned to resolve any informalities by way of an Examiner's Amendment if necessary. It is respectfully requested that the instant application be reconsidered in view of the Amendment and Remarks contained herein and the instant case be allowed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application or this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 775-848-5624.

Respectfully submitted,  
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